

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference in which an  
5 amount of electromagnetic interference from an LSI is analyzed, wherein said  
method includes:

an equivalent power source current information calculating step of  
calculating information of an equivalent power source current flowing in a  
power source current, from circuit information of said LSI chip;

10 an estimating step of considering at least one of power source  
information of a power source for supplying a current to said LSI chip, package  
information of a package for said semiconductor chip, and measurement system  
information of a measurement system for measuring characteristics of said  
semiconductor chip, as analysis control information, and of estimating total  
15 information in which said analysis control information is reflected in said  
circuit information, as an equivalent circuit; and

a total information analyzing step of performing analysis in accordance  
with said total information which is estimated in said estimating step.

20 2. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim  
1, wherein said estimating step is a step of calculating a total impedance by  
adding said analysis control information to said circuit information, and of  
outputting said calculated total impedance as total information to said total  
information analyzing step.

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3. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim  
1, wherein said analysis control information includes: said power source  
information of said power source for supplying a current to said LSI chip; and

at least one of said package information of said package for said semiconductor chip, and said measurement system information of said measurement system for measuring characteristics of said semiconductor chip.

5           4. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim  
1, wherein said analysis control information includes: said power source  
information of said power source for supplying a current to said LSI chip; said  
package information of said package for said semiconductor chip; and said  
measurement system information of said measurement system for measuring  
10 characteristics of said semiconductor chip.

15           5. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim  
1, wherein said total information analyzing step is a simulation step of  
performing a simulation by adding said equivalent power source current  
information to said total information.

20           6. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim  
1, wherein said total information analyzing step includes: a step of obtaining  
corrected equivalent power source current information in which said equivalent  
power source current is corrected by reflecting said total information; and a  
frequency spectrum calculating step of calculating a frequency spectrum of said  
corrected equivalent power source current information.

25           7. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim  
1, wherein said equivalent power source current information calculating step  
includes a frequency spectrum calculating step of calculating a frequency  
spectrum.

8. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 1, wherein said total information analyzing step is a step of obtaining a correction function for correcting said equivalent power source current information, from said total information, and of calculating said equivalent power source current information by using said correction function.

9. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein said equivalent power source current information calculating step includes:

10 a step of calculating an instantaneous current amount in consideration of event information which is generated at occurrence of a change of a signal, and which includes instance names of cells of said LSI chip that is an object of the occurrence, a name of the signal, an occurrence time, and transition information; and said total information which is estimated in said estimating step; and

15 a modeling step of modeling said instantaneous current amount in accordance with a predetermined rule.

10. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 9, wherein said modeling step is a step of accumulating current waveforms each having a Japanese chess piece-like shape.

11. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 5, wherein said simulation step includes a step of synchronizing with said equivalent power source current information calculating step.

12. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 5, wherein said simulation step includes a step of repeatedly performing

a simulation in synchronization with a timing of adding information to said equivalent power source current information.

13. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to  
5 claim 5, wherein said simulation step includes a step of reading said equivalent power source current information at predetermined intervals.

14. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to  
10 claim 6, wherein said frequency spectrum calculating step includes a collapsing step of collapsing said corrected equivalent power source current information at predetermined intervals.

15. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to  
15 claim 14, wherein, in said collapsing step, sets of said corrected equivalent power source current information at predetermined intervals are averaged or maximized in time sequence.

16. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any  
20 one of claims 1 to 15, wherein said equivalent power source current information calculating step is a library accumulating step of calculating accumulation of library information which is equivalent power source current information of each portion of said current information that is previously calculated.

17. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to  
25 claim 16, wherein said library information is a function or a table of one of input signal information and output signal information of each portion of said current information, and an output capacitance.

18. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 16, wherein said library information is information of a portion which is obtained by dividing said circuit information into one or more parts, i.e., a clock synchronous part which is synchronized with a clock, and a clock asynchronous  
5 part which is not synchronized with said clock.

19. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 18, wherein said clock synchronous part is a flip-flop, a clock buffer, or a synchronous memory.

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~~20. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 16, wherein said library accumulating step includes a step of, from said circuit information, analogizing which portion of said circuit information corresponds to a library.~~

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21. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein said equivalent power source current information calculating step includes a calculation method determining step of selecting one of a high-speed equivalent power source current information calculating  
20 method and an accurate equivalent power source current information calculating method, based on partial circuit information of said circuit information.

22. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any  
25 one of claims 1 to 15, wherein said equivalent power source current information calculating step includes a differential power source current calculating step of, based on a difference of said circuit information with respect to equivalent power source current information which has been already analyzed, calculating

power source current information of said difference only.

23. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein said method further includes an analysis  
5 information displaying step of displaying a result obtained in said total information analyzing step, as analysis information.

24. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein said method further includes an optimizing step  
10 of optimizing said circuit information so as to reduce electromagnetic interference, based on a result obtained in said total information analyzing step.

25. A method of analyzing electromagnetic interference according to  
15 claim 24, wherein said method further includes an optimized information displaying step of displaying circuit information obtained in said optimizing step, as optimized information.

26. An apparatus for analyzing electromagnetic interference in which an  
20 amount of electromagnetic interference from an LSI is analyzed, wherein said apparatus includes:

equivalent power source current information calculating means for calculating information of an equivalent power source current flowing in a power source current, from circuit information of said LSI chip;

25 estimating means for considering at least one of power source information of a power source for supplying a current to said LSI chip, package information of a package for said semiconductor chip, and measurement system information of a measurement system for measuring characteristics of said

semiconductor chip, as analysis control information, and for estimating total information in which said analysis control information is reflected in said circuit information, as an equivalent circuit; and

total information analyzing means for performing analysis in accordance  
5 with said total information which is estimated in said estimating means.

27. An apparatus for analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 26, wherein said estimating means calculates a total impedance by adding said analysis control information to said circuit information, and  
10 outputs said calculated total impedance as total information to said total information-analyzing means.

28. An apparatus for analyzing electromagnetic interference according to claim 26 or 27, wherein said total information analyzing means is simulation  
15 means for performing a simulation by adding said equivalent power source current information to said total information.

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